

Levin-Wen Models and Tensor Categories

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Goals:

- ▶ to present a theory of **boundary** and **defects of codimension 1,2,3** in **non-chiral** topological orders via Levin-Wen models;
- ▶ to show how **the representation theory of tensor category** enters the study of topological order at its full strength;
- ▶ to provide the physical foundation of the so-called **extended Turaev-Viro topological field theories**;

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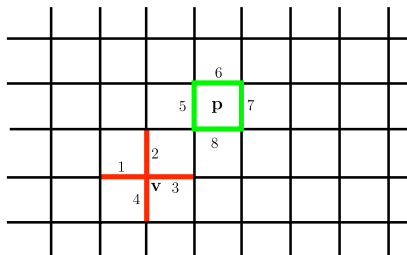
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Kitaev's Toric Code Model

- ▶ Kitaev's Toric Code Model is equivalent to Levin-Wen model associated to the category $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ of representations of \mathbb{Z}_2 .
- ▶ It is the simplest example that can illustrate the general features of Levin-Wen models.

Kitaev's Toric Code Model



$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{e \in \text{all edges}} \mathcal{H}_e; \quad \mathcal{H}_e = \mathbb{C}^2.$$

$$H = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p.$$

$$A_v = \sigma_x^1 \sigma_x^2 \sigma_x^3 \sigma_x^4; \quad B_p = \sigma_z^5 \sigma_z^6 \sigma_z^7 \sigma_z^8.$$

Vacuum properties of toric code model:

A vacuum state $|0\rangle$ is a state satisfying $A_\nu|0\rangle = |0\rangle$, $B_\rho|0\rangle = |0\rangle$ for all ν and ρ .

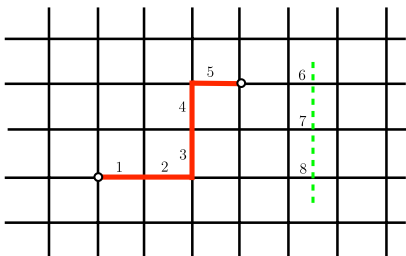
- ▶ If surface topology is trivial (a sphere, an infinite plane), the vacuum is unique.
- ▶ Vacuum is given by the condensation of closed strings, i.e.

$$|0\rangle = \sum_{c \in \text{all closed string configurations}} |c\rangle.$$

Excitations

- ▶ The “set” of excitations determines the topological phase.
- ▶ An excitation is defined to be super-selection sectors (irreducible modules) of a local operator algebra.
- ▶ There are four types of excitations: $1, e, m, \epsilon$. We denote the ground states of these sectors as $|0\rangle, |e\rangle, |m\rangle, |\epsilon\rangle$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\exists v_0, & \quad A_{v_0}|e\rangle = -|e\rangle, \\ \exists p_0, & \quad B_{p_0}|m\rangle = -|m\rangle, \\ \exists v_1, p_1, & \quad A_{v_1}|\epsilon\rangle = -|\epsilon\rangle, \quad B_{p_1}|\epsilon\rangle = -|\epsilon\rangle.\end{aligned}$$



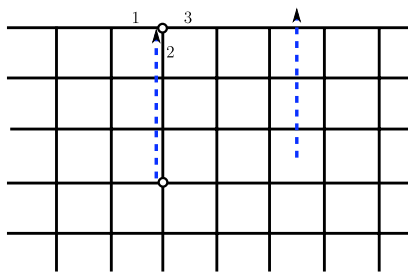
$$1 = e \otimes e \sim \sigma_z^1 \sigma_z^2 \sigma_z^3 \sigma_z^4 \sigma_z^5 |0\rangle,$$

$$1 = m \otimes m \sim \sigma_x^6 \sigma_x^7 \sigma_x^8 |0\rangle,$$

$$e \otimes m = \epsilon.$$

👉 $1, e, m, \epsilon$ are simple objects of a **braided tensor category** $Z(\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})$ which is the **monoidal center** of $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$.

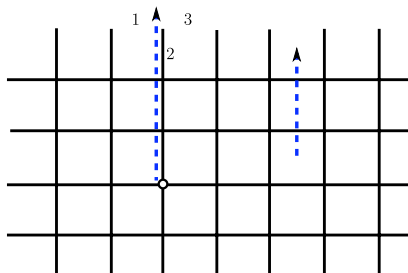
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$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \longrightarrow 1 \quad e \longrightarrow e \\ m \longrightarrow 1 \quad \epsilon \longrightarrow e \end{array}$$

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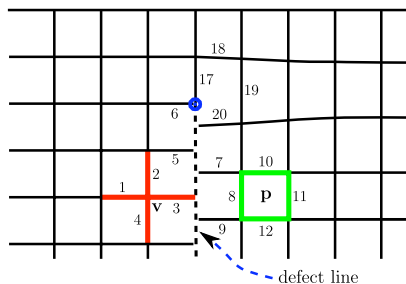
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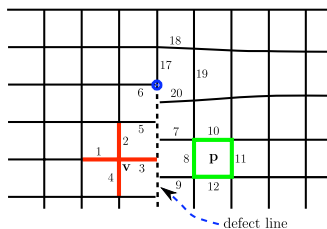
defects of codimension 1, 2



$$B_{p_1} = \sigma_x^7 \sigma_x^3 \sigma_x^2 \sigma_x^5; \quad B_{p_2} = \sigma_x^3 \sigma_x^7 \sigma_x^8 \sigma_x^9;$$

$$B_Q = \sigma_x^6 \sigma_y^{17} \sigma_z^{18} \sigma_z^{19} \sigma_z^{20}.$$

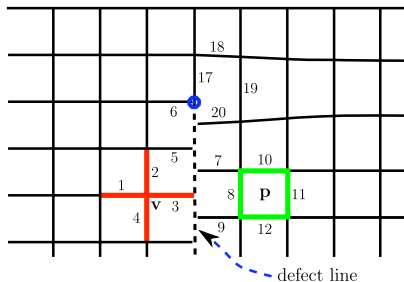
defects of codimension 1



$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\mapsto 1 \mapsto 1, & e &\xrightarrow{\sigma_z^3} \text{Ext}_{3|7,8,9}^{\text{defect}} \xrightarrow{\sigma_x^8} m, \\
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defects of codimension 2



$$B_Q = \sigma_x^6 \sigma_y^{17} \sigma_z^{18} \sigma_z^{19} \sigma_z^{20}$$

- Two eigenstates of B_Q correspond to two simple $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ - $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ -bimodule functors $\text{Hilb} \rightarrow \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$.

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Basics of unitary tensor category

unitary tensor category \mathcal{C} = unitary spherical fusion category

- ▶ semisimple: every object is a direct sum of simple objects;
- ▶ finite: there are only finite number of inequivalent simple objects, $i, j, k, l \in \mathcal{I}$, $|\mathcal{I}| < \infty$; $\dim \text{Hom}(A, B) < \infty$.
- ▶ monoidal: $(i \otimes j) \otimes k \cong i \otimes (j \otimes k)$; $\mathbf{1} \in \mathcal{I}$, $\mathbf{1} \otimes i \cong i \cong i \otimes \mathbf{1}$;
- ▶ the fusion rule: $\dim \text{Hom}(i \otimes j, k) = N_{ij}^k$ is finite;
- ▶ \mathcal{C} is not assumed to be braided.

Theorem (Müger): The monoidal center $Z(\mathcal{C})$ of \mathcal{C} is a modular tensor category.

Fusion matrices

The associator $(i \otimes j) \otimes k \xrightarrow{\alpha} i \otimes (j \otimes k)$ induces an isomorphism:

$$\text{Hom}((i \otimes j) \otimes k, l) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(i \otimes (j \otimes k), l)$$

Writing in basis, we obtain the fusion matrices:

$$\begin{array}{c} j \\ \downarrow \\ k \rightarrow \circ \rightarrow m \rightarrow \circ \rightarrow l \\ \downarrow \\ i \end{array} = \sum_n F_{mn}^{ijk;l} \begin{array}{c} j \quad i \\ \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ \circ \\ \downarrow \\ k \rightarrow \circ \rightarrow l \end{array} \quad (1)$$

Levin-Wen models

We fix a unitary tensor category \mathcal{C} with simple objects $i, j, k, l, m, n \in \mathcal{I}$.

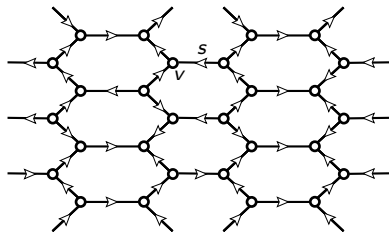


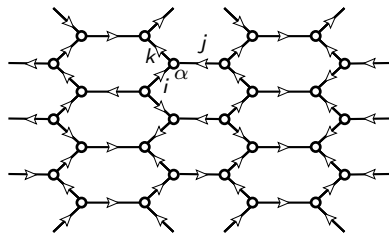
Figure: Levin-Wen model defined on a honeycomb lattice.

$$\mathcal{H}_s = \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{I}}, \quad \mathcal{H}_v = \bigoplus_{i,j,k} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(i \otimes j, k).$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_s \mathcal{H}_s \otimes_v \mathcal{H}_v.$$

Hamiltonian

Chose a basis of \mathcal{H} , $i, j, k \in \mathcal{I}$ and $\alpha^{i'j';k'} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(i' \otimes j', k')$,



$$H = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p.$$

$$A_v |(i, j; k | \alpha^{i'j';k'}) \rangle = \delta_{i,i'} \delta_{j,j'} \delta_{k,k'} |(i, j; k | \alpha^{i'j';k'}) \rangle.$$

If the spin on v is such that A_v acts as 1, then it is called stable.

The definition of B_p operator

$$B_p := \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \frac{d_i}{\sum_k d_k^2} B_p^i$$

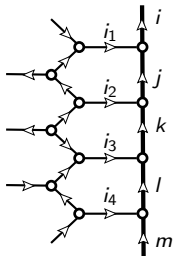
- ▶ If there are unstable spins around the plaquette p , B_p^i act on the plaquette as zero.
- ▶ If all spins around the plaquette p is stable, B_p^i acts by inserting a loop labeled by $s \in \mathcal{I}$ then evaluating the graph according to the composition of morphisms in \mathcal{C} .
- ▶ B_p is a projector. A_v and B_p commute.

Remark:

- ▶ Given a unitary tensor category \mathcal{C} , we obtain a lattice model.
- ▶ Conversely, Levin-Wen showed how the axioms of the unitary tensor category can be derived from the requirement to have a **fix-point wave function of a string-net condensation state**.

Edge theories

If we cut the lattice, we automatically obtain a lattice with a boundary with all boundary strings labeled by simple objects in \mathcal{C} .

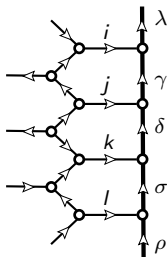


We will call such boundary as a \mathcal{C} -boundary or \mathcal{C} -edge.

Question: Are there any other possibilities?

\mathcal{M} -edge

It is possible to label the boundary strings by a different finite set $\{\lambda, \sigma, \dots\}$ which can be viewed as the set of inequivalent simples objects of another finite unitary semisimple category \mathcal{M} .



The requirement of giving a fix-point wave function of string-net condensation state is equivalent to require that \mathcal{M} has a structure of \mathcal{C} -module. We call such boundary an $c\mathcal{M}$ -boundary or $c\mathcal{M}$ -edge.

\mathcal{C} -module \mathcal{M} :

For $i \in \mathcal{C}$, $\gamma, \lambda \in \mathcal{M}$,

- ▶ $i \otimes \gamma$ is an object in \mathcal{M} ($\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$)
- ▶ $\dim \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(i \otimes \gamma, \lambda) = N_{i,\gamma}^\lambda < \infty$;
- ▶ $\mathbf{1} \otimes \gamma \cong \gamma$;
- ▶ associator $(i \otimes j) \otimes \lambda \xrightarrow{\alpha} i \otimes (j \otimes \lambda)$;
- ▶ fusion matrices:

$$\lambda \rightarrow \circlearrowleft \begin{array}{c} j \\ \downarrow \\ \circlearrowleft \end{array} \xrightarrow{\sigma} \circlearrowleft \begin{array}{c} i \\ \downarrow \\ \circlearrowleft \end{array} \rightarrow \gamma = \sum_n F_{mn}^{ijk;l} \lambda \rightarrow \circlearrowleft \begin{array}{c} j \quad i \\ \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \downarrow \rho \\ \circlearrowleft \end{array} \rightarrow \gamma \quad (2)$$

Excitations on boundary:

Two approaches:

1. Kitaev: excitations are super-selection sectors of a local operator algebra;
 2. Levin-Wen: excitations can be classified by closed string operator which commute with the Hamiltonian.
- 👉 Above two approaches lead to the same results.

Levin-Wen approach

Close the boundary to a circle, a closed string operator on it is nothing but a systematic reassignment of boundary string labels and spin labels:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &\mapsto F(\gamma) \in \mathcal{M}, \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(i \otimes \gamma, \lambda) &\mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(i \otimes F(\gamma), F(\lambda))\end{aligned}$$

This assignment is essentially the same data forming a functor from \mathcal{M} to \mathcal{M} . Physical requirements (Levin-Wen) add certain consistency conditions which turn it into a \mathcal{C} -module functor.

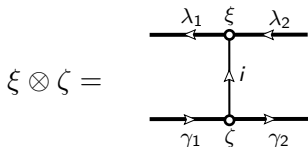
Theorem: Excitations on a $c\mathcal{M}$ -edge are given by simple objects in the category $\text{Func}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$ of \mathcal{C} -module functors.

Kitaev's approach

We need construct the local operator algebra A .

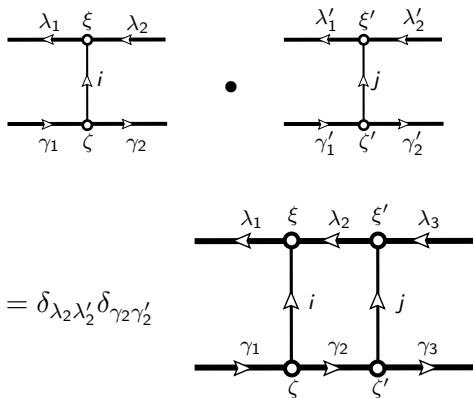
$$A := \bigoplus_{i, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(i \otimes \lambda_2, \lambda_1) \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\gamma_1, i \otimes \gamma_2).$$

For $\xi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(i \otimes \lambda_2, \lambda_1)$ and $\zeta \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\gamma_1, i \otimes \gamma_2)$, the element $\xi \otimes \zeta \in A$ can be expressed by the following graph:



for $i \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \mathcal{M}$.

The multiplication $A \otimes A \xrightarrow{\bullet} A$ is defined by



where the last graph is a linear span of graphs in A by applying F-moves twice and removing bubbles.

Action of A on excitations

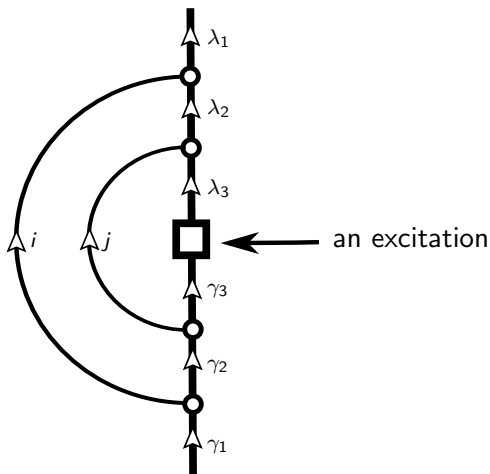
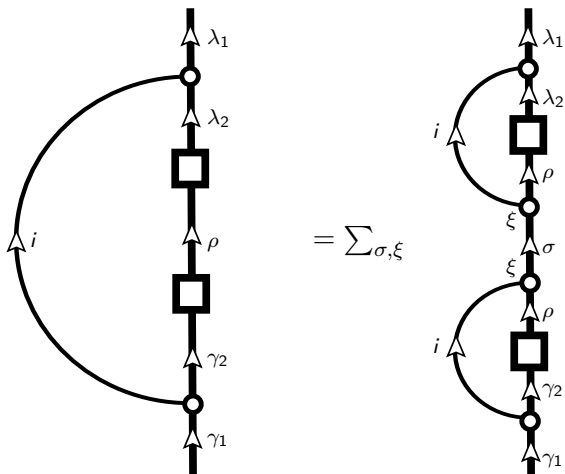
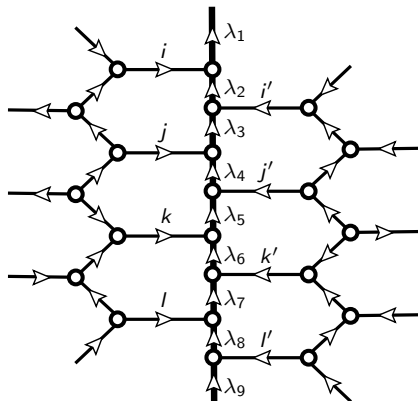


Figure: This picture show how two elements of local operator algebra A act on an edge excitation (up to an ambiguity of the excited region).



A is bialgebra with above comultiplication. With some small modification, one can turn it into a weak C^* -Hopf algebra so that the boundary excitations form a finite unitary fusion category.

a defect line or a domain wall



$i, j, k, l \in \mathcal{C}$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_9 \in \mathcal{M}$, $i', j', k', l' \in \mathcal{D}$. \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are unitary tensor categories and \mathcal{M} is a \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{D} -bimodule. We call such defect $c\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}}$ -defect line or $c\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}}$ -wall.

- ▶ A \mathcal{M} -edge can be viewed as $c\mathcal{M}_{\text{Hilb}}$ -wall.
- ▶ Conversely, if we **fold** the system along the $c\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}}$ -wall, we obtain a doubled bulk system determined by $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}$ with a single boundary determined by \mathcal{M} which is viewed as a $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}$ -module.

$$\text{a } c\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}}\text{-wall} = \text{a } c\boxtimes\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}\mathcal{M}\text{-edge}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_c\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}}\text{-wall excitations} &= {}_c\boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}}\mathcal{M}\text{-edge excitations} \\ &= \text{Fun}_{{}_c\boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}) \\ &= \text{Fun}_{{}_c|\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}) \end{aligned}$$

the category of \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{D} -bimodule.

As a special case, a line in \mathcal{C} -bulk = a ${}_c\mathcal{C}$ -wall.

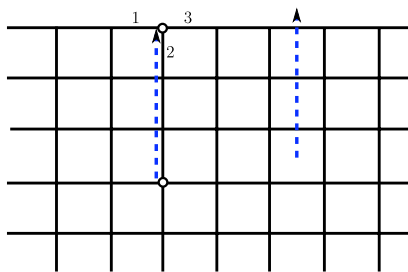
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}\text{-bulk excitations} &= {}_c\mathcal{C}\text{-wall excitations} \\ &= \text{Fun}_{{}_c|\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}) = Z(\mathcal{C}) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ A $c\mathcal{M}_D$ -wall can fuse with a ${}_D\mathcal{N}_\mathcal{E}$ -wall into a $c(\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D \mathcal{N})_\mathcal{E}$ -wall.
- ▶ $c\mathcal{M}_D$ -wall (or ${}_D\mathcal{N}_\mathcal{E}$ -wall) excitations can fuse into $c(\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D \mathcal{N})_\mathcal{E}$ -wall as follow:

$$(\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{M}) \mapsto (\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D \mathcal{N} \xrightarrow{F \boxtimes_D \text{id}_\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D \mathcal{N})$$

$$(\mathcal{N} \xrightarrow{G} \mathcal{N}) \mapsto (\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D \mathcal{N} \xrightarrow{\text{id}_\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D G} \mathcal{M} \boxtimes_D \mathcal{N})$$

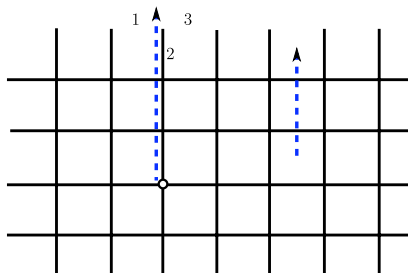
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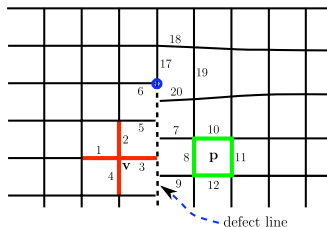
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defects of codimension 1



$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\mapsto 1 \mapsto 1, & e &\mapsto \text{Ext}_{3|7,8,9}^{\text{defect}} \mapsto m, \\
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Definition: If $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N} \cong \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{N} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{D}$, then \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are called **invertible**; \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are called **Morita equivalent**.

- ▶ \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are Morita equivalent iff $Z(\mathcal{C})$ is equivalent to $Z(\mathcal{D})$ as braided tensor categories.
- ▶ Invertible \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{C} -defects form a group called **Picard group** $\text{Pic}(\mathcal{C})$.
- ▶ We denote the **auto-equivalence** of $Z(\mathcal{C})$ as $\text{Aut}(Z(\mathcal{C}))$.

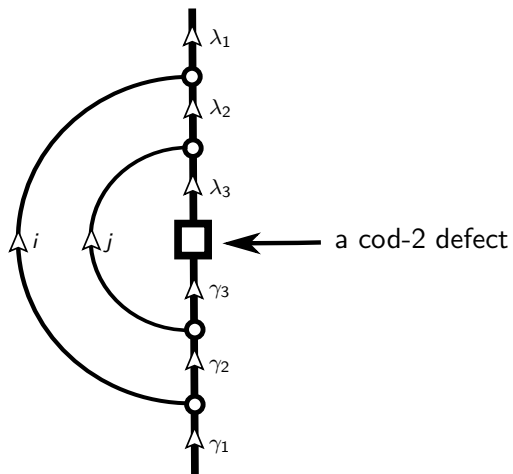
Theorem (Kitaev-K., Etingof-Nikshych-Ostrik):

$$\text{Aut}(Z(\mathcal{C})) \cong \text{Pic}(\mathcal{C}).$$

Defects of codimension 2

- ▶ A defect of codimension 2 is a junction between two defect lines. It is given by a **module functor**.
- ▶ An excitation can be viewed as a defect of codimension 2.
- ▶ Conversely, a defect of codimension 2 is an excitation in the sense that it can be realized as a super-selection sector of a local operator algebra A' .

Action of A' on defects of codimension 2



$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathcal{M}, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \in \mathcal{N}$$

Defects of codimension 3 (instantons)

If one takes into account the time direction, one can define a defect of codimension 3 by a **natural transformation** ϕ between **module functors**.

The Hamiltonian:

$$H \rightarrow H + H_t.$$

where H_t is a local operator defined using ϕ .

Dictionary 1:

Ingredients in LW-model	Tensor-categorical notions
a bulk lattice	a unitary tensor category \mathcal{C}
string labels in a bulk	simple objects in a unitary tensor category \mathcal{C}
excitations in a bulk	simple objects in $Z(\mathcal{C})$ the monoidal center of \mathcal{C}
an edge	a \mathcal{C} -module \mathcal{M}
string labels on an edge	simple objects in a \mathcal{C} -module \mathcal{M}
excitations on a \mathcal{M} -edge	$\text{Func}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$: the category of \mathcal{C} -module functors
bulk-excitations fuse into an \mathcal{M} -edge	$Z(\mathcal{C}) = \text{Func}_{\mathcal{C} \mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Func}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$ $(\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{C}) \mapsto (\mathcal{C} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F} \boxtimes \text{id}_{\mathcal{M}}} \mathcal{C} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M}).$

Dictionary 2:

Ingredients in LW-model	Tensor-categorical notions
a domain wall	a \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{D} -bimodule \mathcal{N}
string labels on a \mathcal{N} -wall	simple objects in a \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{D} -bimodule ${}_c\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{D}}$
excitations on a \mathcal{N} -wall	$\text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C} \mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{N})$: the category of \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{D} -bimodule functors
fusion of two walls	$\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}$
an invertible ${}_c\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{D}}$ -wall	\mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are Morita equivalent, i.e. $\mathcal{N} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}^{\text{op}} \cong \mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{N}^{\text{op}} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N} \cong \mathcal{D}$.
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defects of codimension 2: a \mathcal{M} - \mathcal{N} -excitation	simple objects $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C} \mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$
a defect of codimesion 3 or an instanton	a natural transformation $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$

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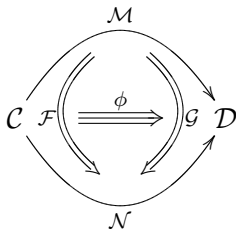
Levin-Wen models

Extended Topological Field Theories

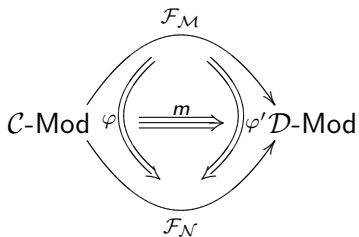
- ▶ **Extended topological field theories** was formulated by Baez and Dolan in terms of n-category in 90s. The classification was given in the so-called **Baez-Dolan conjecture** which was recently proved by Lurie.

- ▶ Levin-Wen models enriched by defects of codimension 1,2,3 provides a physical foundation behind the so-called **extended Turaev-Viro topological field theories**.

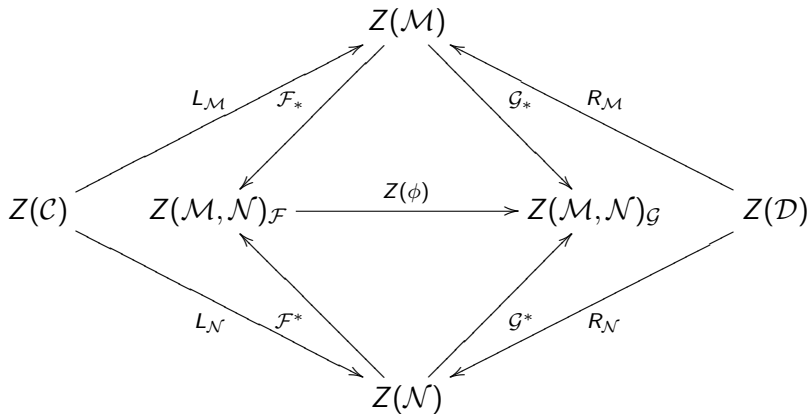
The building blocks of the lattice models:



which 0-1-2-3 cells of a tri-category, or “equivalently”,



Excitations (topological phases):



$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(\mathcal{M}) &:= \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}|\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}), \quad Z(\mathcal{N}) := \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}|\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{N}), \\
 \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} &\in \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{C}|\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}), \quad Z(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})_{\mathcal{F}} := Z(\mathcal{N}) \circ \mathcal{F} \circ Z(\mathcal{M}), \\
 Z(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})_{\mathcal{G}} &:= Z(\mathcal{N}) \circ \mathcal{G} \circ Z(\mathcal{M}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Conjecture (Functoriality of Holography): The assignment Z is a functor between two tricategories.

Remark: It also says that the notion of monoidal center is functorial.

General philosophy: for $n + 1$ -dim extended TQFT,

pt \mapsto *n*-category of boundary conditions.

Extended Turaev-Viro (2+1) TQFT: the bicategory of boundary conditions of LW-models = $\mathcal{C}\text{-Mod}$,

pt_{+, -} \mapsto \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} or $(\mathcal{C}\text{-Mod} \cong \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod})$,

an interval \mapsto ${}_{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{D}}, {}_{\mathcal{D}}\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{C}}$ (invertible)

S^1 \mapsto $Tr(\mathcal{C}) = Z(\mathcal{C})$,

Conjecturely,

Turaev-Viro(\mathcal{C}) = Reshtikin-Turaev($Z(\mathcal{C})$).

Thank you!